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SUBJECT: AMBUSH OF FPJMT HELICOPTERS

FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEING RELEASED TODAY BY A DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN TO WIRE SERVICE AND OTHER PRESS REPRESENTATIVES

BEGIN TEXT: WE DEPLORE THIS UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON UNARMED
HELICOPTERS ENGAGED IN A HUMANITARIAN MISSION SPECIFICALLY
AUTHORIZED BY THE PARIS ACCORDS. THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAD
BEEN NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF THE SEARCH MISSION FOR MISSING
PERSONNEL AND HAD BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. THE HELI-
COPTERS WERE CLEARLY MARKED IN ORANGE, THE COLOR DESIGNAT-
ING THEM AS FPJMT VEHICLES. THIS WAS THE LATEST AND MOST
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CONTEMPTIBLE OF A SERIES OF VIOLATIONS BY THE COMMUNIST

SIDE OF THE ACCORDS THEY SIGNED IN PARIS LAST JANUARY. THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY ADOPTED A CALLOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT THAT CALL FOR A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THOSE OF ALL NATIONALITIES MISSING IN ACTION IN VIET-NAM. NOT CONTENT WITH OBSTRUCTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROVISION OF THE ACCORDS BY THEIR INDIFFERENCE, THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS NOW AGAIN INDULGED IN A CRIMINAL ATTACK TO PREVENT ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

WE ARE MAKING KNOWN TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS OUR CONDEMNATION OF THIS LATEST AND MOST OUTRAGEOUS ACTION. END TEXT. RUSH

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